State involving an outlay of Rs. 429.87 crores. This included a sum of Rs. 94.23 crores for implementing a Master Plan for drinking water. Based on the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 66.51 crores has been approved for drought relief in the Gujarat for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88. This includes a sum of Rs. 10.99 crores for 1986-87 and Rs. 9.27 crores for 1987-88 for drinking water sector. The total ceilings of expenditure approved so far for tackling drought for the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu during the post 1986 monsoon period are as follows:—

(*Rs. in Crores*)

State	Ceiling approved for	
	1986-87 (Post-monsoon)	1987-88
1. Gujarat	34·96	31·55
2. Maharashtra	23·98	12·29
3. Rajasthan	42·75	12·07
4. Andhra Pradesh	23·19	25·19
5. Karnataka	3·82	0·99
6. Tamil Nadu	31·77	..

(c) As per the Master Plan for 1986-87 prepared by the Government of Gujarat the number of 100 mm (4 inches) bores to be drilled by April 1987 is 67,36. Figures of the successful bores drilled so far are not available.

(d) Drilling of bore size i.e. 6 inches|4 inches depends upon geological and geo-hydrological conditions at sites and requirements of water there. The cost of each such bore and the time required for its drilling also varies upon geo-hydrological conditions and depth of drilling.

Amendment to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976

829. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer the reply to Unstarred Question 1268 given in Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1987 and to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision regarding the amendment of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the prices of wheat to be supplied through Fair Price Shops

830. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently increased the price of wheat to be supplied through Fair Price Shops with effect from 1st May, 1987;

(b) if so, the extent to which price have been increased;

(c) what are the reasons for such an increase; and

(d) the extent to which it is likely to affect the poor people of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Consequant upon increase in the procurement price of wheat by Rs. 4 per quintal from 1st April, 1987, the central issue price of wheat supplied to the State|Governments|Union Territory Administrations for sale through the public distribution system has been revised from Rs. 190 to Rs. 195 per quintal, with effect from 1st May, 1987. The retail price of wheat for the consumer is fixed by the State Governments after adding

the costs of distribution and subsidies, if any, to the central issue price.

(d) As the increase in the central issue price of wheat is small, it would have only a marginal effect on the poor people.

Construction of Four/Five-Storeyed Buildings in Shanti Niketan New Delhi

831. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DDA/Urban Arts Commission do not permit the construction of 4-5 storey residential houses (other than flats in multi-storeyed buildings) in residential colonies like Vasant Vihar, Shanti Niketan and Anand Niketan of New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the circumstances under which the Sadhu Vaswani Mission, which was given land for school building and play grounds on a nominal price, had been allowed some time back to put up 4-5 storeyed building in Shanti Niketan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Construction of 4 to 5 storeyed residential house is not permitted in such colonies as per the Zoning regulations of the Delhi Master Plan. Construction of Sadhu Vaswani Mission International School Building has been permitted both by the DUAC and MCD as an institutional building.

Amendment to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act

832. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government also had recently received a large number of representations from builders associations in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the main demands of the builders associations and what steps Government are contemplating to amend the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) We are examining suggestions to amend the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976.

(b) and (c) Representation has been received from builders associations and others. The builders associations have been suggesting to amend the Act so as to make it more effective and to increase the housing and construction activities.

Per Capita Consumption of Milk by Weaker Sections

833. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently conducted any survey to find out the per capita consumption of milk by the weaker sections of society; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) conducts surveys to collect diet and nutritional information from different segments of the population. During 1974-79 the NNMB conducted such surveys in the Urban Low Income